

March 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! We are so pleased to be able to have the children back in school and we are looking forward to all of the learning that will be happening this term. Can we just take this opportunity to thank all of you parents and carers for your support during this difficult time – it has been so wonderful to see all of the work that your children have been working so hard on. It was also great to see so many of you during our Zoom sessions.

Until Easter, we will be focusing on key areas where some children may have gaps. This includes phonics, reading grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) and maths. To ensure our curriculum remains broad the rest of subjects including science, humanities, music and art will be taught through our topic. Religious Education and PE are taught separately.

### World War II

Our topic for Term 4 is World War II. During this topic, the children will be learning about many things including evacuation, The Blitz and rationing. In English, we will be writing newspaper articles about The Blitz, producing persuasive leaflets about rationing and looking at the story of 'Goodnight Mister Tom' to find out about evacuation. In addition, the children will have a chance to design and create air raid shelters, produce propaganda posters and learn about the D Day landings.

### Curriculum

In English, your child will be reading 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian. They will consider the characters of Tom and Willie in great detail and use this knowledge to write in character. They will be writing newspaper articles to report on events in the Blitz and writing persuasive leaflets about rationing. In addition, we will continue to work on developing skills in grammar, punctuation and spelling. We will be completing daily work on Spelling Frame to aid in this area.

In Maths, we will be learning about converting measurements, including metric and imperial. We will then move on to area and perimeter with a focus on calculating the area of different 2D shapes. After this we will learn how to calculate the volume of a cuboid and use reasoning and problem solving to develop these skills further. In addition, we will continue to develop multiplication skills and continue to complete Superhero times tables challenges weekly.

In Science, our topic is Living Things and their Habitats. The children will describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. They will also give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

In RE, we will be looking at Humanism, with a focus on what Humanism is and what values Humanists have. After that we will begin looking in depth at the Easter story and use this to

think about the following questions: What did Jesus do to save human beings? How is Holy Week described in Mark's gospel? Why do Christians believe Jesus died?

#### PE

This term, PE will take place on Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon. They will need a PE kit to fully participate, including t-shirt and shorts (and plimsolls for circuit training). No earrings are allowed to be worn during P.E. lessons therefore the children need to be able to take them out themselves, or have them taken out in the mornings before school.

Further information about what your child is learning can be found on the school website.

#### Homework and reading

This term we will not be sending home reading books. Instead, your child will have access to Collins e-books. The username and password for this has been sent home with your child. New books will be assigned on a weekly basis.

Maths tasks will be set weekly on MyMaths.

Please contact us if you need the passwords for either of these websites.

If you have anything further you wish to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact me by making an appointment at the office.

Best wishes,

Mrs Murray, Mrs Evans, Miss Tapsell